

STONE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year ended 31st December, 1944.

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To the Chairman & Members of the Stone Urban District Council.

Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit to you my report for the year 1944.

In spite of the continued difficulties of the War the health of the community has been very good. There has been no outbreak of influenza. The number of infectious diseases notified during the year showed a sharp fall on the 1943 figures. There were three cases of diphtheria only during the year in none of which had immunisation been carried out. The immunisation for diphtheria is being conducted satisfactorily. The birth rate increased sharply on the 1943 rate, and the question of maternity home facilities have been considered.

The Sewage Works, apart from the difficulty which has been experienced in drying the sludge, are working satisfactorily. Proposals are on foot for the construction of a sludge digestion tank and additional sludge beds in order to expedite the drying of sludge and thereby overcome the difficulty in question.

With regard to the water supply, whilst it has been suggested there is some falling off in the supply of water in the borehole at the pumping station there has been no actual difficulty in providing for all requirements.

In common with other places Stone is suffering from the lack of adequate housing accommodation, which is aggravated by the fact that the Council have not been able to obtain the release of their Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector from his appointment under the Air Ministry. His prolonged absence has prevented much preliminary work being carried out and will involve delay in the erection of the required new houses.

I am indebted to Mr Matthews and to the office staff for their kind assistance and help to me during the year.

I have the honour to be

Your obedient servant,

CLIFFORD ARTHUR,

(Acting) Medical Officer of Health

# TUBERCULOSIS

New cases and mortality during 1944.

	Male		Female		Total
	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	
New cases		3	2	5	10
Cases removed from the register through death	2		1	1	4

Statement of cases on the Tuberculosis Register.  
31st December, 1944.

Male		Female		Total
Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	
20	13	28	19	80

Vital Statistics for the year 1944.

## Births and Deaths

		Total	Male	Female
Live Births	Legitimate	177	84	93
	Illegitimate	14	8	6
Still Births	Legitimate	6	3	3
	Illegitimate	1	-	1
Deaths of infants under one year.	Legitimate	5	3	2
	Illegitimate	-	-	-

## DEATHS

Deaths occurring in the district transferable to other areas	95
Deaths occurring out of the district transferable to Stone Urban District	28
Total deaths occurring in the Stone Urban District	159



Deaths from certain specific diseases.

Diphtheria	1
Anterior Poliomyelitis	1
Cancer	20
Cardiac Diseases	62
Intracranial	37
Accidents	5
Suicide	1
Bronchitis	1
Tuberculosis	4
Pneumonia	8
Bronchiectasis	1
Nephritis	3
Surgical Conditions	2
Diseases of the Nervous System	6
Influenza	1
Acute Necrosis of the Liver	1
Diabetis	2
Gangrene	3
Pernicious Anaemia	2

BIRTHS AND DEATHS RATE

	England and Wales	Stone Urban District
Birth Rate per 1,000 population	17.6	25.98
Still Birth Rate per 1,000	0.50	0.95
Death Rate per 1,000	11.6	11.18
Death Rate of infants under one year per 1,000 live births	46	26.19

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING 1944.

Measles	17
Whooping Cough	18
Diphtheria	3
Scarlet Fever	5
Pneumonia	11
Chicken Pox	14
Erysipelas	1
Anterior Poliomyelitis	2
Puerperal Pyrexia	1
Dysentery	1

ADMISSION TO YARNFIELD ISOLATION HOSPITAL

	From Stone Urban District	From Stone Rural District
Diphtheria	3	12
Scarlet Fever	5	12
Cerebrospinal Meningitis	-	1
Total	8	25

### WATER SUPPLY

Bacteriological examinations made. Number: 12. Result: Satisfactory.

Chemical examinations made: None.

### DIPHTHERIA PROPHYLAXIS

	Age under 5	Age over 5 & under 15	Total
Number of children (including temporary residents) who completed the full course of immunisation during 1944	71	1	72
	Under 5	Between 5 and 15.	
Approximate estimated number of children in Stone Urban District on 31st December 1944.	683	968	
Percentage of child population considered to be immunised on 31st December, 1944.	85.9%	82.4%	
Number of cases of Diphtheria in children under 15 years of age notified during the year 1944	-	1	
Number of these notified cases in which the child was known to have completed the course of immunisation not less than 12 weeks before the onset of the disease.	-	-	
Number of deaths from Diphtheria of children under 15 years of age.	-	-	

### HOUSING

- Proceedings under Housing Act, 1936.  
Number of houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs. 1
- Proceedings under the Public Health Act.  
Number of informal notices served requiring defects to be remedied. 27  
Number of formal notices served under Section 93 of the Public Health Act. Nil
- Proceedings under Sections 11 & 13 of the Housing Act 1936.  
Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made. Nil